J. H. King, from the committee on railroads, submitted the following report:

MR. SPEAKER:

Your committee on judiciary, to whom was referred house file No. 47, a bill for an act to amend section 1261 of the Code and chapter 65 of the public acts of the fifteenth general assembly, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and herewith present a substitute thereto, and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that the accompanying substitute do pass.

JOHN H. KING, Chairman.

Ordered passed on file.

SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE FILE NO. 47.]

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 65 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That chapter 65 of

- 2 the public acts of the fifteenth general assembly be amended by adding to said chapter the
- 3 following:
- 4 Provided, however, that if said road-bed or right of way, or any part thereof, shall not be
- 5 used or operated for a period of eight years, or in any case where the construction of a rail-
- 6 way has been commenced by any corporation or person and work on the same has ceased, and
- 7 has not been in good faith resumed by any person or corporation for a period of eight years,
- 8 the land and the title thereto shall revert to the owner of the section, subdivision, tract or
- 9 lot from which it was taken.